

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Two Federal soldiers captured at Brandy Station, October 11th, and taken to Richmond, escaped and returned to the Federal lines. They report very few troops in and around Richmond—all available men having been sent from that city and Petersburg to reinforce Lee.

To encourage recruiting, arrangements have been made to give State Governments full control of the entire system of volunteering, on the same basis as in previous calls. If State quotas are not filled on or before January 5th then the draft will be enforced. It is thought that the facilities given volunteering under this arrangement will procure sufficient troops and avoid the draft.

Major W. H. Miller, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, November 11th; insulting a lady, abstracting wines from hospital, and taking chevrons unlawfully from a corporal, has been dishonorably discharged.

Lieutenant Symmes Gardner, Eighteenth Regiment, U. S. A. Frank A. Tease, Seventy-eighth New York Volunteers, have been dropped from the army rolls.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW continues to be duly executed in the District of Columbia, in a case here and there, where the owners in Maryland think it worth while to follow or seek the fugitives here. Such an instance occurred on Saturday last, when a negro named Gusta Bullen was arrested in the market house, on a writ, as the property of Mr. Henry Thorne, of Prince George's county, Md., and taken before Commissioner Cox. Mr. Geo. E. H. Day, well known in that connection, soon appeared as counsel for the boy, but Mr. Thorne, readily taking the required oath of loyalty and proving by a neighbor, Mr. Luther W. Kirby, his ownership of the negro, and also producing a letter from Dr. J. H. Byrne, of the army, endorsing his loyalty, the commissioner considered the proof sufficient, and remanded the slave to his master.—[Corr. Sun.]

FRUITS AND PRODUCE.

JUST arrived, and in store, a fine assortment of FALL AND WINTER APPLES.—Also, POTATOES, ONIONS, &c., for sale at the lowest jobbers and shippers prices, by J. V. P. MATHIS, 45, South Union Street, between Prince and Duke. nov 18—1m*

J. T. COOKE, Can be found at the old stand, 106 Prince st., corner of Pitt, where he keeps constantly on hand NEW HAMS, SHOULDERS, BREASTS, &c. nov 18—tf

JUST RECEIVED. A prime article of MINCE MEAT, which will be sold cheap. J. T. COOKE. nov 18—tf

NEW BUCKWHEAT. Just received at 106 Prince street. J. T. COOKE. nov 18—tf

HOUSES AND LOT FOR SALE BY AUCTION. On Tuesday next, 24th inst. I will offer at public sale a lot of ground on the west side of Fairfax, between Wolfe and Wilkes streets, belonging to the estate of Hanson Day, deceased, 20 feet front, and 90 deep, to a 12 feet alley—on which there are two frame dwellings, front and rear. Terms, cash within three days, or a resale at the expense and risk of the defaulting purchaser, upon five days' notice. nov 17—ts W. L. PENN, Auctioneer.

H. O. WERNER, WATCHMAKER, HAS REMOVED TO No. 10, S. ROYAL STREET, UNDER WOLF'S GALLERY. oct 30—tf

FOR SALE. FOUR FRAME DWELLINGS, containing six rooms each, situated on Washington street near Gibbon. Also the vacant lot adjoining. For further information apply at the hardware store of J. F. Carlin, 63 King street. nov 14—1w*

FROM CHARLESTON.

The Richmond Examiner, of the 16th, publishes the following despatch:—

“CHARLESTON, Nov. 14.—The enemy's fire on Fort Sumter continues steadily. Battery Gregg opened fire, this afternoon, on James Island and Fort Moultrie. Fort Lamar and Battery Simpkins replied.”

CHARLESTON, Nov. 15.—The firing is about the same to-day. From Thursday morning till sundown on Saturday, fifteen hundred and twenty-three mortar-shells and rifle-shot were fired at Sumter. The enemy's fire has ceased to be of any injury to the fort. There has been no firing to-day on Sullivan's or James' Island. Our batteries continue to keep up a slow fire on Fort Gregg and the mortar battery.

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MORRIS ISLAND, S. C., Nov. 14.—The bombardment still goes on. Yesterday there was considerable mortar practice by both belligerents. The Federals fired occasionally on Sumter, but mostly at Fort Moultrie and the Confederate batteries on James Island. The Confederates replied with energy, and for several hours the roar of guns and mortars was continuous. Within the past two days sharpshooters have located themselves behind chevaux de frize, in Sumter, and annoyed the Federal gunners in the advanced batteries. The casualties, however have been unimportant. The Moultrie House, on Sullivan's Island, is now completely razed or torn down by the Confederates but for what purpose is unknown.

The New York Express says:—“The gold market rallied this morning, and there was a sharp advance, with increased activity. The rise to-day was due to the increasing stringency in the London money market, and the advance in the rates of interest by the Bank of England, also to the rumor that the agent of the Rothschilds would ship \$3,000,000 this week.”

The French residents of New York have improvised a parting dinner to Admiral Reynaud and the officers of the LaGuerriere, who are on the point of leaving that station on their return to France.

George Apre, agent for the sale of confederate bonds, has been sent to Washington from the Army of the Potomac, and committed to the Old Capitol prison.

J. V. P. MATHIS, WHOLESALE DEALER IN FRUITS AND PRODUCE, No. 45, South Union Street, Between Prince and Duke, Alexandria, Va. nov 13—1m

FOR SALE. A THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT, on King, between Columbus and Alfred streets. The lot fronts 42 feet on King street, and is about 100 feet in depth, with right of way over a paved alley in the rear. The location is suitable for a residence or place of business. For terms apply at the Alexandria Gazette Office. nov 13—eo6t

FOR SALE.—A HOUSE supposed to contain nearly 100,000 bricks—sheathing, rafters and joists sound—with panel doors, 16 window frames, sash and blinds. The building to be removed; also, a vacant LOT 60 feet front for sale. JOHN H. BRENT. nov 14—3t*

BUCKWHEAT. A choice lot of NEW BUCKWHEAT; just received and for sale by E. HENDERSON, 226 King St., cor. Alfred. nov 13—

ATTENTION COMPANY! JUST received, and for sale, a large invoice of very fine selected quality of GRAPES and APPLES. By J. M. ODELL, No. 8, Prince St., Fowle's wharf, Alexandria, Va. nov 3—tf

A disturbance took place last night, at the lower end of Prince Street, between some members of the 164th N. Y., and the 1st District of Columbia Volunteers, which eventuated in a fight, in which pistols and stones were freely used. During the melee a member of the 164th was shot through the breast, the wound inflicted being, it is supposed, mortal, and another of the same regiment received a slight wound in the top of his head, also, from a pistol ball. Mrs. Webster, an old lady of upwards of 60 years, who was at Mrs. Vacari's residence, and went out to shut the window blind, received a shot through the left shoulder, the ball passing around and lodging near the surface below the shoulder blade. The ball was extracted, but her condition is considered very critical.

It is reported that the small pox prevails to a considerable extent at Point Lookout, Maryland, the depot for Confederate prisoners, the soldiers being the sufferers, as many as eighteen having died in a day.

Ninety-one counties in Missouri, including the votes of the soldiers, give the Radical ticket five hundred and ninety-three majority.

Two mills of the Oriental Powder Company, at Gorham, Maine, blew up on Saturday afternoon. One man was killed.

LOST.—This afternoon, between the head of King street and the office of the Provost Marshal, a GOLD LOCKET containing two miniatures. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at 190, King street. Nov 18—3t*

COAL OIL.

CHEAPEST AND BEST COAL OIL IN THE CITY, by the barrel, or at retail, prices as low, or lower than the lowest—quality unequalled—for sale at COGAN'S, No. 15 Royal street, where can be had Lamps, Chimnies, Wicks, and everything connected with the trade, in every variety of style, together with a general assortment of Gas and Steam Fixtures, Chandeliers, Pendants, Brackets, Drop Lights, Glass Globes, Paper Shades, &c., of all the new styles, and beautiful patterns, at prices to please. Gas Fitting, Alterations and Extensions promptly attended to; all work warranted. Patent Thief Detecting Money Drawer for sale. nov 14—1m

F. G. SWAINE CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY, No. 25, North Royal street. A full supply of family groceries always on hand. jan 15

MINCE MEAT. Fisher's unrivalled MINCE MEAT, in kegs, just received and for sale by E. HENDERSON, 226 King St., cor. Alfred. nov 13—

FOR RENT.—The second floor of the large WAREHOUSE. Apply to No. 5, North wharves. JOHN F. RODES. nov 4—eo3t* First floor No. 5 North wharves.

NEW BACON. JUST received a lot of superior new HAMS, SHOULDERS and BREAKFAST PIECES. For sale low by F. G. SWAINE, No. 26 Royal Street. oct 21—

FOR RENT.—The spacious and elegant SALOON, on Union street, near the corner of King. It will be rented, with or without the fixtures. Enquire of J. T. PRICE, No. 7, Union street. nov 2—tf

CHAMPAGNE CIDER. 20 bbls. superior CHAMPAGNE CIDER, in store and for sale by E. HENDERSON, 226 King St., cor. Alfred. nov 13—

GOSHEN BUTTER. A prime lot; just received from Philadelphia. E. HENDERSON, 226 King St., cor. Alfred. nov 13—